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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.